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H. R. _____

To reauthorize the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JAMES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

To reauthorize the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “AGOA Extension and Enhancement Act of 2024”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Extension of African Growth and Opportunity Act.
- Sec. 3. Review, enforcement, and reporting requirements.
- Sec. 4. Improving utilization of African Growth and Opportunity Act.
- Sec. 5. Graduation of beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries.
- Sec. 6. Modification of eligibility requirements.

- Sec. 7. Report on enforcement of prohibition on importation of goods made with forced labor.
- Sec. 8. Reports on implementation and potential trade agreements.
- Sec. 9. United States International Trade Commission report on expanding articles covered by African Growth and Opportunity Act.
- Sec. 10. African Growth and Opportunity Act forum and other updates.
- Sec. 11. Updating protections against transshipment of certain textiles and apparel articles.
- Sec. 12. Technical corrections.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPOR-**
2 **TUNITY ACT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 506B of the Trade Act
4 of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466b) is amended by striking “Sep-
5 tember 30, 2025” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

6 (b) AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 112(g) of the Afri-
8 can Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C.
9 3721(g)) is amended by striking “September 30,
10 2025” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

11 (2) EXTENSION OF REGIONAL APPAREL ARTI-
12 CLE PROGRAM.—Section 112(b)(3)(A) of the African
13 Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C.
14 3721(b)(3)(A)) is amended—

15 (A) in clause (i), by striking “21 suc-
16 ceeding” and inserting “33 succeeding”; and

17 (B) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “Sep-
18 tember 30, 2025” and inserting “September 30,
19 2037”.

20 (3) EXTENSION OF THIRD-COUNTRY FABRIC
21 PROGRAM.—Section 112(c)(1) of the African Growth

1 and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3721(c)(1)) is
2 amended—

3 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
4 “SEPTEMBER 30, 2025” and inserting “SEP-
5 TEMBER 30, 2037”;

6 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “Sep-
7 tember 30, 2025” and inserting “September 30,
8 2037”; and

9 (C) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
10 “September 30, 2025” and inserting “Sep-
11 tember 30, 2037”.

12 (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Section 110(c) of
13 the Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015 (19 U.S.C.
14 3705 note) is amended by striking “September 30, 2025”
15 and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

16 **SEC. 3. REVIEW, ENFORCEMENT, AND REPORTING RE-**
17 **QUIREMENTS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 506A(a) of the Trade Act
19 of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466a(a)) is amended by striking
20 paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting the following:

21 “(2) MONITORING AND REVIEW OF CERTAIN
22 COUNTRIES.—

23 “(A) BIENNIAL REVIEW.—

24 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not less fre-
25 quently than once every 2 years, the Presi-

1 dent shall monitor, review, and report to
2 Congress on the progress of each country
3 listed in section 107 of the African Growth
4 and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3706) in
5 meeting the requirements described in
6 paragraph (1) in order to determine the
7 current or potential eligibility of the coun-
8 try to be designated as a beneficiary sub-
9 Saharan African country for purposes of
10 this section.

11 “(ii) REPORTING.—The President’s
12 determinations, and explanations of such
13 determinations, with specific analysis of
14 the eligibility requirements described in
15 paragraph (1)(A), shall be included in the
16 biennial report required by section
17 106(a)(1).

18 “(iii) FREQUENCY.—The President
19 shall conduct full reviews pursuant to sub-
20 section (i) with respect to a subset of coun-
21 tries listed in section 107 of the African
22 Growth and Opportunity Act chosen in a
23 manner that ensures that on an annual
24 basis full reviews are conducted for at least
25 one half of the countries listed in section

1 107 of the African Growth and Oppor-
2 tunity Act and to ensure that every coun-
3 try listed in such section 107 is reviewed at
4 least once every 2 years.

5 “(B) OUT OF CYCLE REVIEW.—

6 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The President
7 may, at any time, initiate an out-of-cycle
8 review of whether a beneficiary sub-Saha-
9 ran African country is making continual
10 progress in meeting the requirements de-
11 scribed in paragraph (1). The President
12 shall give due consideration to petitions re-
13 ceived under subsection (d)(3) in deter-
14 mining whether to initiate an out-of-cycle
15 review under this subparagraph.

16 “(ii) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The President
17 shall also publicly announce the commence-
18 ment of each out-of-cycle review conducted
19 pursuant to this subparagraph unless,
20 upon prior consultation with the appro-
21 priate congressional committees, the Presi-
22 dent determines that such an announce-
23 ment would not be in the national security
24 or foreign policy interest of the United
25 States. For each review so publicly an-

1 nounced, the President shall also publicly
2 announce the results of the review when
3 concluded.

4 “(C) INITIATION OF OUT-OF-CYCLE RE-
5 VIEWS BY CONGRESS.—If the chairperson and
6 ranking member of one of the appropriate con-
7 gressional committees jointly submit a request
8 for an out-of-cycle review of a beneficiary sub-
9 Saharan African country based on the assertion
10 that the country is not making continual
11 progress in meeting the requirements described
12 in paragraph (1), the President shall—

13 “(i) not later than 15 days after re-
14 ceiving the request, initiate an out-of-cycle
15 review of whether the country is making
16 continual progress in meeting those re-
17 quirements; and

18 “(ii) not later than 45 days after re-
19 ceiving the request, submit a classified or
20 unclassified report to the appropriate con-
21 gressional committees on the review that
22 includes—

23 “(I) the determination of the
24 President, pursuant to the review, of
25 whether or not the country is making

1 continual progress in meeting the re-
2 quirements described in paragraph
3 (1);

4 “(II) a description of the consid-
5 erations entering into that determina-
6 tion, including a specific analysis of
7 the requirements described in para-
8 graph (1); and

9 “(III) if the President determines
10 that the country is not making con-
11 tinual progress in meeting those re-
12 quirements, the matters described in
13 clauses (ii) through (iv) of paragraph
14 (4)(B).

15 “(D) DELEGATION.—If the President dele-
16 gates responsibility for conducting reviews
17 under subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), the
18 President shall delegate that responsibility
19 jointly to—

20 “(i) the United States Trade Rep-
21 resentative or a designee of the Trade Rep-
22 resentative serving in a position to which
23 the designee was appointed by the Presi-
24 dent by and with the advice and consent of
25 the Senate; and

1 “(ii) the Secretary of State or a des-
2 ignee of the Secretary serving in a position
3 to which the designee was appointed by the
4 President by and with the advice and con-
5 sent of the Senate.

6 “(3) CONTINUING COMPLIANCE.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If, pursuant to a re-
8 view conducted under paragraph (2), the Presi-
9 dent determines that a beneficiary sub-Saharan
10 African country is not making continual
11 progress in meeting the requirements described
12 in paragraph (1), the President shall, subject to
13 paragraph (4)—

14 “(i) terminate the designation of that
15 country as a beneficiary sub-Saharan Afri-
16 can country for purposes of this section;

17 “(ii) withdraw, suspend, or limit the
18 application of duty-free treatment to any
19 article of the country that is described in
20 subsection (b)(1) or section 112 of the Af-
21 rican Growth and Opportunity Act (19
22 U.S.C. 3721);

23 “(iii) issue a warning letter to the
24 country detailing concerns with the lack of
25 progress of the country in meeting the re-

1 requirements described in paragraph (1) and
2 providing notice that, if corrective action is
3 not taken before the next review of the
4 country under paragraph (2), the Presi-
5 dent may take action under clause (i) or
6 (ii) based on the results of that review; or
7 “(iv) take no action under clause (i),
8 (ii), or (iii) if the President determines
9 that—

10 “(I) the compliance of the coun-
11 try with the requirements described in
12 paragraph (1) will be most effectively
13 promoted by other means; or

14 “(II) the economic and foreign
15 policy interests of the United States
16 will be most effectively advanced by
17 taking no action.

18 “(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—An action taken
19 under subparagraph (A) shall be effective with
20 respect to a country—

21 “(i) for biennial reviews conducted
22 under paragraph (2)(A), on January 1 of
23 the year following the year in which the
24 determination that the country is not mak-
25 ing continual progress in meeting the re-

1 requirements described in paragraph (1) is
2 made;

3 “(ii) for out-of-cycle reviews conducted
4 under subparagraph (B) or (C) of para-
5 graph (2), not later than 90 days after
6 such a determination is made.

7 “(4) NOTIFICATION, REPORTING, AND BRIEF-
8 ING.—

9 “(A) NOTIFICATION.—If, pursuant to a re-
10 view conducted under paragraph (2), the Presi-
11 dent determines that a beneficiary sub-Saharan
12 African country is not making continual
13 progress in meeting the requirements described
14 in paragraph (1), the President shall notify the
15 appropriate congressional committees and the
16 government of the country of the President’s
17 determination and any action the President is
18 considering taking not less than 60 days before
19 taking any action with respect to the country
20 under paragraph (3)(A) or determining to take
21 no action as described in clause (iv) of that
22 paragraph.

23 “(B) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than
24 15 days after providing notification under sub-
25 paragraph (A) with respect to a country, the

1 President shall submit to the appropriate con-
2 gressional committees a classified or unclassi-
3 fied report, informed by the United States
4 Trade Representative and the Secretary of
5 State, that includes—

6 “(i) a description of the consider-
7 ations entering into the determination that
8 the country is not making continual
9 progress in meeting the requirements de-
10 scribed in paragraph (1), including a spe-
11 cific analysis of those requirements;

12 “(ii) an analysis of the expected eco-
13 nomic and political effects of—

14 “(I) the action the President in-
15 tends to take under paragraph (3)(A)
16 with respect to the country; or

17 “(II) taking no action, if the
18 President determines to take no ac-
19 tion as described in clause (iv) of that
20 paragraph;

21 “(iii) an explanation of the role of the
22 action or determination to take no action
23 in the overall strategy of the United States
24 toward the country; and

1 “(iv) an explanation of what actions
2 by the country would result in the restora-
3 tion of, as applicable—

4 “(I) the designation of the coun-
5 try as a beneficiary sub-Saharan Afri-
6 can country for purposes of this sec-
7 tion; or

8 “(II) the application of duty-free
9 treatment to articles of the country.

10 “(C) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later
11 than 30 days after providing notification under
12 subparagraph (A), the United States Trade
13 Representative and the Secretary of State shall
14 provide briefings to the appropriate congres-
15 sional committees addressing—

16 “(i) the findings of the review con-
17 ducted under paragraph (2); and

18 “(ii) the contents of the report re-
19 quired by subparagraph (B).”.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title V of the
21 Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461 et seq.) is amended—

22 (1) in section 506A (19 U.S.C. 2466a)—

23 (A) by striking subsection (c);

24 (B) in subsection (d), by striking para-
25 graph (4); and

1 (C) in subsection (e)—

2 (i) by striking “BENEFICIARY SUB-
3 SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRIES, ETC.—
4 For purposes of this title—” and inserting
5 “DEFINITIONS.—In this title:”;

6 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
7 and (2) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respec-
8 tively; and

9 (iii) by inserting before paragraph (2),
10 as so redesignated, the following:

11 “(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
12 TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
13 mittees’ means—

14 “(A) the Committee on Ways and Means
15 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
16 House of Representatives; and

17 “(B) the Committee on Finance and the
18 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
19 ate.”; and

20 (2) in section 506B (19 U.S.C. 2466b), by
21 striking “section 506A(c)” and inserting “section
22 506A(e)”.

23 **SEC. 4. IMPROVING UTILIZATION OF AFRICAN GROWTH**
24 **AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.**

25 (a) **MODIFICATION OF DESIGNATION AUTHORITY.—**

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 506A(a)(1) of the
2 Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466a(a)(1)) is
3 amended—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
5 “and” at the end;

6 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
7 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

8 (C) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(C) if the country has published an
10 AGOA utilization strategy that meets the re-
11 quirements of section 118 of the African
12 Growth and Opportunity Act.”.

13 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made
14 by paragraph (1)—

15 (A) take effect on the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act; and

17 (B) apply with respect to a country that is
18 a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country as of
19 such date of enactment and that has not pub-
20 lished a national utilization strategy as required
21 by section 118 of the African Growth and Op-
22 portunity Act (as added by subsection (b)) by
23 the date that is not later than 1 year after such
24 date of enactment.

1 (b) BIENNIAL UTILIZATION STRATEGIES.—Subtitle
2 B of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C.
3 3721 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“SEC. 118. BIENNIAL UTILIZATION STRATEGIES.**

6 “(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress
8 that—

9 “(A) beneficiary sub-Saharan African
10 countries should develop utilization strategies
11 on a biennial basis in order to more effectively
12 and strategically utilize benefits available under
13 this Act and section 506A of the Trade Act of
14 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466a) (in this section re-
15 ferred to as ‘AGOA utilization strategies’);

16 “(B) United States trade capacity building
17 agencies should work with, and provide appro-
18 priate resources to, such sub-Saharan African
19 countries to assist in developing and imple-
20 menting biennial AGOA utilization strategies;
21 and

22 “(C) as appropriate, and to encourage
23 greater regional integration, the United States
24 Trade Representative should consider request-

1 ing the Regional Economic Communities to pre-
2 pare biennial AGOA utilization strategies.

3 “(2) CONTENTS.—It is further the sense of
4 Congress that biennial AGOA utilization strategies
5 should identify strategic needs and priorities to bol-
6 ster utilization of benefits available under this Act.
7 To that end, biennial AGOA utilization strategies
8 should—

9 “(A) review potential exports under this
10 Act and section 506A of the Trade Act of 1974
11 (19 U.S.C. 2466a) and identify opportunities
12 and obstacles to increased trade and investment
13 and enhanced poverty reduction efforts;

14 “(B) identify obstacles to regional integra-
15 tion that inhibit utilization of benefits under
16 this Act and section 506A of the Trade Act of
17 1974;

18 “(C) set out a plan to take advantage of
19 opportunities and address obstacles identified in
20 subparagraphs (A) and (B), improve awareness
21 of this Act as a program that enhances exports
22 to the United States, and utilize United States
23 Agency for International Development regional
24 trade hubs;

1 “(D) set out a strategy to promote small
2 business and entrepreneurship; and

3 “(E) eliminate obstacles to regional trade
4 and promote greater utilization of benefits
5 under this Act and section 506A of the Trade
6 Act of 1974 and establish a plan to promote
7 full regional implementation of the Agreement
8 on Trade Facilitation of the World Trade Orga-
9 nization.

10 “(3) PUBLICATION.—It is further the sense of
11 Congress that—

12 “(A) each beneficiary sub-Saharan African
13 country should publish on an appropriate inter-
14 net website of such country public versions of
15 its AGOA utilization strategy; and

16 “(B) the United States Trade Representa-
17 tive should publish on the internet website of
18 the Office of the United States Trade Rep-
19 resentative public versions of all AGOA utiliza-
20 tion strategies described in subparagraph (A).

21 “(b) ASSISTANCE TO IMPLEMENT UTILIZATION
22 STRATEGIES.—

23 “(1) ELIGIBILITY.—Each beneficiary sub-Saha-
24 ran African country that has published an AGOA
25 utilization strategy as described in paragraph (3) of

1 subsection (a) that meets the criteria described in
2 paragraph (2) of that subsection is eligible for the
3 assistance described in paragraph (2).

4 “(2) TRADE CAPACITY BUILDING ASSIST-
5 ANCE.—The Administrator of the United States
6 Agency for International Development should assist
7 each country that is eligible under paragraph (1) in
8 the implementation of the AGOA utilization strategy
9 of the country, including assistance in—

10 “(A) developing a business environment
11 conducive to international trade and invest-
12 ment;

13 “(B) establishing trade-related infrastruc-
14 ture and industrial zones;

15 “(C) conducting export promotion activi-
16 ties;

17 “(D) modernizing and improving customs
18 operations and procedures;

19 “(E) meeting sanitary and phytosanitary
20 standards;

21 “(F) minimizing technical barriers to
22 trade;

23 “(G) protecting intellectual property
24 rights;

1 “(H) implementing the Agreement on
2 Trade Facilitation of the World Trade Organi-
3 zation;

4 “(I) furthering labor and environmental
5 standards; and

6 “(J) other trade capacity building activi-
7 ties.

8 “(c) BENEFICIARY SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRY
9 DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘beneficiary sub-Sa-
10 haran African country’ has the meaning given that term
11 in section 506A(e) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
12 2466a(f)).”.

13 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
14 for the African Growth and Opportunity Act is amended
15 by inserting after the item relating to section 117 the fol-
16 lowing:

“Sec. 118. Biennial utilization strategies.”.

17 (d) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 107 of the
18 Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015 (Public Law
19 114–27; 129 Stat. 368) is repealed.

20 **SEC. 5. GRADUATION OF BENEFICIARY SUB-SAHARAN AFRI-
21 CAN COUNTRIES.**

22 (a) GRADUATION.—Section 506A of the Trade Act
23 of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466a) is amended by inserting after
24 subsection (b) the following:

1 “(c) MANDATORY GRADUATION OF HIGH INCOME
2 COUNTRIES.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
4 paragraph (2), if the President determines that a
5 beneficiary sub-Saharan African country has been
6 classified, under the official statistics of the Inter-
7 national Bank for Reconstruction and Development,
8 as a ‘high income’ country for a period of 5 consecu-
9 tive years, the President shall terminate the designa-
10 tion of the country as a beneficiary sub-Saharan Af-
11 rican country for purposes of this section and as a
12 beneficiary developing country for purposes of this
13 title, effective on January 1 of the second year fol-
14 lowing the year in which that determination is made.

15 “(2) EXCEPTION.—After a country has been
16 designated as ‘high income’ for a period of 5 con-
17 secutive years as described in paragraph (1), the
18 President may elect to maintain the designation of
19 the country as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African
20 country for purposes of this section and as a bene-
21 ficiary developing country for purposes of this title
22 for not more than an additional 5 years to allow for
23 the negotiation of a free trade agreement with that
24 country, in accordance with the policy described in

1 section 116(a) of the African Growth and Oppor-
2 tunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3723(a)).”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title V of the
4 Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461 et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) in section 502(e), by striking “If the Presi-
6 dent” and inserting “Except as provided by section
7 506A(c), if the President”; and

8 (2) in section 506A(a)(1)(B)—

9 (A) by striking “subsections (a), (d), and
10 (e)” and inserting “subsections (a) and (d)”;
11 and

12 (B) by inserting “(other than subsection
13 (e) of that section)” after “in section 502”.

14 **SEC. 6. MODIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

15 (a) MANDATORY DESIGNATION.—Section 104 of the
16 African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3703)
17 is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
18 striking “is authorized to” and inserting “shall”.

19 (b) MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS.—Section
20 104 of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19
21 U.S.C. 3703) is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1), by amending subpara-
23 graph (E) to read as follows:

24 “(E) the minimum standards for the elimi-
25 nation of corruption described in section

1 5404(a) of the Combating Global Corruption
2 Act (subtitle A of title LIV of Public Law 118–
3 31);”;

4 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and” and
5 inserting a semicolon; and

6 (3) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the
7 following:

8 “(3) does not engage in gross violations of
9 internationally recognized human rights, including
10 as reflected in the annual Country Reports on
11 Human Rights Practices of the Department of
12 State, and cooperates in international efforts to
13 eliminate human rights violations, including by not
14 having been—

15 “(A) determined to be engaged in a pat-
16 tern of gross violations of internationally recog-
17 nized human rights for purposes of—

18 “(i) section 701 of the International
19 Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C.
20 262d); or

21 “(ii) section 116 or 502B of the For-
22 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
23 2151n and 2304);

24 “(B) listed under subparagraph (C) of sec-
25 tion 110(b)(1) of the Trafficking Victims Pro-

1 tection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107(b)(1))
2 (commonly referred to as ‘tier 3’) in the most
3 recent report on trafficking in persons required
4 under that section (commonly referred to as the
5 ‘Trafficking in Persons Report’);

6 “(C) identified on the list published by the
7 Secretary of State pursuant to section 404(b)
8 of the Child Soldiers Prevention Act of 2008
9 (22 U.S.C. 2370c–1(b)) as a country that re-
10 cruits and uses child soldiers; or

11 “(D) designated as a country of particular
12 concern for religious freedom under section
13 402(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the International Religious
14 Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
15 6442(b)(1)(A)(ii));

16 “(4) does not provide support for acts of inter-
17 national terrorism and cooperates in international
18 efforts to eliminate terrorist activities, including by
19 not having been determined by the Secretary of
20 State to have repeatedly provided support for acts of
21 international terrorism for purposes of—

22 “(A) section 1754(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Ex-
23 port Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.
24 4813(c)(1)(A)(i));

1 “(B) section 620A of the Foreign Assist-
2 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

3 “(C) section 40(d) of the Arms Export
4 Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780(d)); or

5 “(D) any other provision of law; and

6 “(5) is not subject to restrictions on the provi-
7 sion of assistance to a country the duly elected head
8 of government of which is deposed by a coup d’état
9 or decree under an Act making appropriations for
10 the Department of State, foreign operations, and re-
11 lated programs.”.

12 **SEC. 7. REPORT ON ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION ON**
13 **IMPORTATION OF GOODS MADE WITH**
14 **FORCED LABOR.**

15 Section 112 of the African Growth and Opportunity
16 Act (19 U.S.C. 3721) is amended—

17 (1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as
18 subsections (g) and (h); and

19 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(f) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—

22 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days
23 after the date of the enactment of the AGOA Exten-
24 sion and Enhancement Act of 2024, the Secretary of
25 Commerce shall submit to the appropriate congres-

1 sional committees a report on procedures in place to
2 ensure that any country the textile and apparel arti-
3 cles of which are receiving preferential treatment
4 under this section is not exporting those articles to
5 the United States in violation of—

6 “(A) section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930
7 (19 U.S.C. 1307); or

8 “(B) section 3 of the Act entitled ‘An Act
9 to ensure that goods made with forced labor in
10 the Xinjiang Autonomous Region of the Peo-
11 ple’s Republic of China do not enter the United
12 States market, and for other purposes’, ap-
13 proved December 23, 2021 (Public Law 117–
14 78; 22 U.S.C. 6901 note) (commonly referred
15 to as the ‘Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention
16 Act’).

17 “(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
18 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘ap-
19 propriate congressional committees’ means—

20 “(A) the Committee on Ways and Means
21 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
22 House of Representatives; and

23 “(B) the Committee on Finance and the
24 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
25 ate.”.

1 **SEC. 8. REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION AND POTENTIAL**
2 **TRADE AGREEMENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 106 of the African
4 Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3705) is amend-
5 ed to read as follows:

6 **“SEC. 106. REPORTS.**

7 **“(a) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—**

8 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—**Not later than December
9 31, 2024, and biennially thereafter, the President
10 shall submit to Congress a report on the trade and
11 investment relationship between the United States
12 and sub-Saharan African countries and on the im-
13 plementation of this Act and section 506A of the
14 Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466a).

15 **“(2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—**The report
16 required by paragraph (1) shall include the fol-
17 lowing:

18 **“(A)** A description of the status of trade
19 and investment between the United States and
20 sub-Saharan Africa, including information on
21 leading exports to the United States from sub-
22 Saharan African countries.

23 **“(B)** Any changes in eligibility of sub-Sa-
24 haran African countries during the period cov-
25 ered by the report.

1 “(C) A detailed analysis of whether each
2 beneficiary sub-Saharan African country is con-
3 tinuing to meet the eligibility requirements set
4 forth in section 104 and the eligibility criteria
5 set forth in section 502 of the Trade Act of
6 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2462).

7 “(D) A description of the status of re-
8 gional integration efforts in sub-Saharan Afri-
9 ca.

10 “(E) A summary of United States trade
11 capacity building efforts.

12 “(F) Any other initiatives related to en-
13 hancing the trade and investment relationship
14 between the United States and sub-Saharan Af-
15 rican countries.

16 “(b) POTENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS REPORT.—
17 Not later than December 31, 2024, and every 4 years
18 thereafter, the United States Trade Representative shall
19 submit to Congress a report that—

20 “(1) identifies sub-Saharan African countries
21 that have a expressed an interest in entering into a
22 free trade agreement with the United States;

23 “(2) evaluates the viability and progress of such
24 sub-Saharan African countries and other sub-Saha-

1 ran African countries toward entering into a free
2 trade agreement with the United States; and

3 “(3) describes a plan for negotiating and con-
4 cluding such agreements, which includes the ele-
5 ments described in subparagraphs (A) through (E)
6 of section 116(b)(2).

7 “(c) TERMINATION.—The reporting requirements of
8 this section shall cease to have any force or effect after
9 September 30, 2041.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
11 for the African Growth and Opportunity Act is amended
12 by striking the item relating to section 106 and inserting
13 the following:

“Sec. 106. Reports.”.

14 (c) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 110 of the
15 AGOA Extension and Enhancement Act of 2015 (Public
16 Law 114–27; 19 U.S.C. 3705 note) is repealed.

17 **SEC. 9. UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMIS-**
18 **SION REPORT ON EXPANDING ARTICLES COV-**
19 **ERED BY AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPOR-**
20 **TUNITY ACT.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
22 date of the enactment of this Act, the United States Inter-
23 national Trade Commission shall submit to the appro-
24 priate congressional committees a report evaluating op-
25 tions for expanding the range of articles eligible for duty-

1 free treatment under the African Growth and Opportunity
2 Act (19 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) and section 506A of the
3 Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466a).

4 (b) HEARING.—The Commission shall hold a hearing
5 to solicit public input on what articles described in sub-
6 section (a) should be considered in the report required by
7 that subsection.

8 (c) ELEMENTS.—In preparing the report required by
9 subsection (a), the Commission shall consider—

10 (1) the extent to which duty-free treatment of
11 articles described in that subsection could expand
12 exportation of those articles to the United States;

13 (2) the economic effects of expanded expor-
14 tation of those articles on the economy of the coun-
15 try exporting the articles; and

16 (3) the economic effects of expanded imports of
17 those articles on the economy of the United States.

18 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
19 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
20 gressional committees” means—

21 (1) the Committee on Ways and Means and the
22 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
23 resentatives; and

24 (2) the Committee on Finance and the Com-
25 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 10. AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT FORUM**
2 **AND OTHER UPDATES.**

3 Section 105 of the African Growth and Opportunity
4 Act (19 U.S.C. 3704) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (c)(1), in the first sentence, by
6 striking “host the first annual meeting” and insert-
7 ing “host a meeting on or before September 30 of
8 each year, in the United States or in Sub-Saharan
9 Africa,”;

10 (2) in subsection (d)—

11 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
12 “USIS” and inserting “DEPARTMENT OF COM-
13 MERCE”; and

14 (B) by striking “United States Informa-
15 tion Service” and inserting “Department of
16 Commerce”; and

17 (3) by striking subsection (e).

18 **SEC. 11. UPDATING PROTECTIONS AGAINST TRANS-**
19 **SHIPMENT OF CERTAIN TEXTILES AND AP-**
20 **PAREL ARTICLES.**

21 (a) **REPEAL OF OUTDATED TEXTILE VISA REQUIRE-**
22 **MENTS.**—The African Growth and Opportunity Act (19
23 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) is amended—

24 (1) in section 112 (19 U.S.C. 3721), as amend-
25 ed by section 7—

26 (A) by striking subsection (d); and

1 (B) by redesignating subsections (e), (f),
2 (g), and (h) as subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g)
3 respectively; and

4 (2) in section 113 (19 U.S.C. 3722)—

5 (A) in subsection (a)(1)—

6 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
7 “an effective visa system, domestic laws,”
8 and inserting “domestic laws”;

9 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking
10 the semicolon and inserting “; and”;

11 (iii) in subparagraph (E), by striking
12 “; and” and inserting a period; and

13 (iv) by striking subparagraph (F);

14 (B) in subsection (b)(5), by striking “the
15 effectiveness of the visa systems and”; and

16 (C) in subsection (c)(1)(A), by striking
17 “visa systems, legislation,” and inserting “legis-
18 lation”.

19 (b) MODIFICATION OF PRODUCTION VERIFICATION
20 TEAM VISITS.—Section 113(e)(2) of the African Growth
21 and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3722(e)(2)) is amended
22 to read as follows:

23 “(2) send production verification teams to bene-
24 ficiary sub-Saharan African countries as necessary
25 to verify compliance with this section; and”.

1 **SEC. 12. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

2 (a) SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA DEFINED.—Section 107
3 of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C.
4 3706) is amended—

5 (1) inserting after “State of Eritrea (Eritrea).”
6 the following:

7 “Kingdom of Eswatini (Eswatini).”;

8 (2) by striking “Ethiopia” and inserting “Fed-
9 eral Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (Ethiopia)”;

10 (3) by striking “Somalia” and inserting “Fed-
11 eral Republic of Somalia (Somalia)”;

12 (4) by striking “Kingdom of Swaziland (Swazi-
13 land).”.

14 (b) NAME OF U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTEC-
15 TION.—The African Growth and Opportunity Act (19
16 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) is amended—

17 (1) in section 112(d) (19 U.S.C. 3721(d)), in
18 the flush text, by striking “The Customs Service”
19 and inserting “U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
20 tion”; and

21 (2) in section 113 (19 U.S.C. 3722)—

22 (A) in subsection (a)(1)—

23 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking
24 “United States Customs Service” and in-
25 serting “U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
26 tion”; and

1 (ii) by striking “the United States
2 Customs Service” each place it appears
3 and inserting “U.S. Customs and Border
4 Protection”;

5 (B) in subsection (b)(5), by striking “The
6 Customs Service shall monitor and the Commis-
7 sioner of Customs” and inserting “U.S. Cus-
8 toms and Border Protection shall monitor and
9 the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border
10 Protection”; and

11 (C) in subsection (c)—

12 (i) in the subsection heading, by strik-
13 ing “CUSTOMS SERVICE” and inserting
14 “U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTEC-
15 TION”; and

16 (ii) by striking “The Customs Serv-
17 ice” and inserting “U.S. Customs and Bor-
18 der Protection”.